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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za, on packet bulletin boards and on echolink from Chris, ZS6FCS.

SILENT KEY

The East Rand Radio Club is sad to announce that OM Les Haarhoff ZS6AAU has passed away on 31 October 2004 at the age of 84. Les suffered multiple strokes and was in frail care for the last month of his life. Les was a long time member of the East Rand Radio club, since 1943, and will be sorely missed by his mates.

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In the news today

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items. Also, at your convenience, visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office, which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00, at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are listening to ZS6SRL and we now continue with the news in detail.

ANNUAL REMBERANCE SERVICE

The annual remembrance service for radio amateurs who died in service for South Africa will be broadcast on Sunday 14 November at 10:45 over the transmitters of Radio Sonder Grense. The service will be conducted by Ds. Hannes Enslin, ZR6JDE, minister of the NG Congregation Silverton. Radio amateurs are requested to maintain radio silence during the transmission of the service.

SARL HF FIELD DAY

The second leg of the SARL HF Field Day will be on the air over the weekend of 13 and 14 November 2004 starting at 12:00 CAT Saturday and ending 24 hours later. This is the last SARL contest for 2004.

The aim of the contest is to involve southern African stations in a competitive and sociable event held under simulated emergency conditions as well as to acquaint the public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio. The contest is open to all licensed radio amateurs in southern Africa.

The 160, 80, 40 and 20 m bands are the only bands permissible with CW and SSB the only modes that may be used.

The complete rules have been sent out with HF Happenings no 120 and are available on the SARL web site at www.sarl.org.za

MEGA FLEA MARKET IN PRETORIA

Pretoria Amateur Radio Club will once again be hosting their MEGA flea market at the South Campus of the University of Pretoria on Saturday 27 November 2004 starting at 09:00 hours. Table bookings can be made with Almero ZR6RY at 082 908 3359 not later than 1 week before the event.

BIRTHDAY GET TOGETHER

The Garden Route Radio Club and “Suid Kaap Amateurradioklub” both celebrated their respective birthdays on the 6th of November at the Garden Route Casino in “The Admirals Restaurant” in Mosselbay.

G.R.C. turned 10 years old on the 1st of November and S.K.A.R. turned 5 years old. The two clubs decided to enjoy an end-of-the-year get together and celebrate their respective birthdays together.

The original founder members attended as special guests. We enjoyed an excellent lunch, with specially labelled/bottled wine available for the occasion.

I hereby would like to make use of the opportunity to congratulate the two clubs on behalf of all amateurs, as it is a classical example of how clubs can accomplish good comradeship amongst radio amateurs.

So says Chris Meyer, ZS1M, on behalf of the GRC/SKAR 2004 Birthday Committee.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Kobus, ZS6KOB, reports that this past week has been marked by extraordinary unexpected happenings as far as sun activity is concerned. This is once again proof of how unpredictable sun activity really is. It is also proof that, during weak conditions, excellent opportunities for DX can occur. “Keep those radios on” is not so far fetched! On 31 October the sunspot number went over 160 - the second time in a week. On Thursday the sunspot number was 86,9. It has remained reasonably stable over the last couple of days. Sun activity was very high on 3 November with solar winds between 321 and 416 km/sec. Stormy

conditions are possible on 6 November. On 7 and 8 November conditions may improve as a result of influx of corona mass towards earth

LISTEN TO MM SERVICE NET

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Maybe the Durban Maritime Net can do the same by dedicating a node locally or from another Ham nearby connected to the internet?

DIARY OF EVENTS

13 November Gathering at Rand Airport 13-14 November Second leg of the SARL HF field day 14 November Remembrance day service at 10:45 on Radio Sonder Grense transmitters. Amateurs are requested to maintain radio silence during the service. 18 November Next RAE examination; 21 November next Presidents net and Intecnet; 27 November Mega flea market in Pretoria; 30 November last day for submission of nominations and motions for 2005 AGM; 9 April 2005 SARL AGM.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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